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Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

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DVR Mission

To assist individuals with disabilities to obtain, maintain, or improve employment

Find a Job.
Keep a Job.
Get a Better Job.



Disability Types Served by DVR

In FFY 2020, DVR served **26,054** individuals whose disability types included:

- ADHD
- AODA
- Autism
- Blind/Visual
- Brain Injuries
- Congenital Condition or Birth Injury
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Intellectual
- Learning Disabilities
- Mental Illness
- Orthopedic
- Physical
- Other



DVR Director Locations

Other DVR Locations

Ladysmith:
1104 Lake Ave. West

Wausau:
364 Grand Ave.

Eau Claire:
221 W. Madison St.

La Crosse:
2615 East Ave. South

Madison:
1801 Aberg Ave.

Janesville:
1900 Center Ave.



Green Bay:
301 N. Adams St.

Oshkosh:
219 Washington Ave.

Milwaukee:
2701 S. Chase Ave.

Racine:
1516 S. Green Bay Rd.

Waukesha:
2607 N. Grandview
Blvd.

* 90% of DVR staff provide job-seeker and/or employer outreach/support service at the local level



DVR Service Delivery

- At any given time, DVR is actively engaged with roughly 16,000 job seekers with disabilities who are working toward an employment goal
- DVR works with youth and adults with varying strengths and abilities
- Services to help meet employment goals are individualized and will look different for each person



To be Eligible for DVR Services

- Must have a disability
- Must have documentation of your disability or receiving SSI or SSDI
- Disability makes it hard to find a job, keep a job, or get a better job
- Requires DVR services to help with employment



DVR Wait List

Federal law gives service priority to individuals with the most significant disabilities

- **Category 1:** Most significant disability – immediate DVR service
- **Category 2:** Significant disability – immediate DVR service
- **Category 3:** All other eligible individuals – an indeterminate wait
- Federal law requires that DVR use a wait list when there are not enough resources (fiscal and staff) to serve all eligible individuals
 - Wait list times can change, based on service capacity challenges



Individualized Services

DVR job seekers develop an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) with their DVR counselor, which defines:

- The job goal
- The services that are needed to reach that goal
- The job seeker's role and responsibilities



Individualized Services

Examples of services that DVR can provide are:

- Guidance and Counseling
- Pre-Employment Transition Services
- Self-Employment planning
- Finding and keeping a job
- Assistive Technology
- Training



Information and Referral

DVR staff will provide information about community agencies and other workforce partners to address needs:

- Mental health agencies
- Crisis centers
- Shelters
- Social service agencies
- Veteran agencies
- Food banks



Consumers Identified as Homeless

Program Year	Homeless When Case Opened	Homeless When Case Closed	Total Homeless at Case Open or Close
2018	225	304	529
2019	189	297	486
2020	182	69	251



Consumers Identified as Homeless by WDA

WDA	Open Cases	Open Cases Living Arrangement - 'Homeless'	Closed Cases	Closed Cases Living Arrangement - 'Homeless'	Total Cases Served	Total Cases Served Living Arrangement - 'Homeless'
01	1,602	28	1,218	51	2,820	79
02	3,236	59	2,635	57	5,871	116
03	2,080	16	1,029	12	3,109	28
04	2,012	21	1,243	29	3,255	50
05	1,668	19	1,096	23	2,764	42
06	1,330	8	1,029	21	2,359	29
07	803	2	393	13	1,196	15
08	1,196	15	864	19	2,060	34
09	1,092	13	700	19	1,792	32
10	2,763	31	1,610	48	4373	79
11	991	13	723	12	1,714	25
Total	18,773	225	12,540	304	31,313	529





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